

**Subpart 12.25—Certificates of Service for Ratings Other Than Able Seaman or Qualified Member of the Engine Department**

**§ 12.25-1 Certification required.**

Every person employed in a rating other than able seaman or qualified member of the engine department of U.S. merchant vessels requiring such certificated persons shall produce a merchant mariner's document to the master, or person in charge if appropriate, before signing a shipping articles agreement.

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**§ 12.25-10 General requirements.**

(a) Merchant mariner's documents shall be issued without professional examination to applicants for certificates of service as endorsements on merchant mariner's documents in capacities other than able seaman, lifeboatman, tankerman or qualified member of the engine department and shall be endorsed for one or more ratings. For example, *ordinary seaman—wiper—steward's department (F.H.)*. Holders of documents endorsed for service as *ordinary seaman* may serve in any unqualified rating in the deck department. Holders of documents endorsed for service as *wiper* may serve in any unqualified rating in the engine department. Documents endorsed for *steward's department (F.H.)* will authorize the holder's service in any capacity in the steward's department. (See § 12.02-11(e)(2) for unqualified ratings in the staff department.)

(b) When the holder of a merchant mariner's document has qualified as a food handler, the endorsement of his rating will be followed by the further indorsement *(F.H.)*.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16640, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by USCG-2002-13058, 67 FR 61278, Sept. 30, 2002]

**§ 12.25-20 Food handler.**

No applicant for a rating authorizing the handling of food will be certificated unless he produces a certificate from a medical officer of the United States Public Health Service, or other reputable physician stating that the appli-

cant is free from communicable disease.

**§ 12.25-25 Members of Merchant Marine Cadet Corps.**

No ratings other than cadet (deck) or cadet (engine) as appropriate, and lifeboatman shall be shown on a merchant mariner's document issued to a member of the U.S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps. The merchant mariner's document shall also be stamped *Valid only while cadet in the U.S. Maritime Administration training program*. The merchant mariner's document thus prepared shall be surrendered upon the holder being certified in any other rating or being issued a license and the rating of cadet (deck) or cadet (engine) shall be omitted from any new merchant mariner's document issued.

**§ 12.25-30 Student observers.**

Students in technical schools who are enrolled in courses in marine management and ship operations who present a letter or other documentary evidence that they are so enrolled shall be issued a merchant mariner's document as *student observers—any department* and may be signed on ships as such. Students holding these documents or certificates will not take the place of any of the crew, or fill any of the regular ratings.

**§ 12.25-35 Apprentice engineers.**

(a) Persons enrolled in an apprentice engineer training program approved by the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center, and who present a letter or other documentary evidence that they are so enrolled may be issued a merchant mariner's document as apprentice engineer and may be signed on ships as such. The endorsement apprentice engineer may be in addition to other endorsements. However, this endorsement of apprentice engineer does not authorize the holder to fill any of the regular ratings.

(b) Persons holding merchant mariner's documents with the endorsement apprentice engineer shall be deemed to be seamen.

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